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Shelly Chichester
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Dear Ms. Chichester:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed your request of a review of the scoping notification and solicitation of views concerning the New Orleans City Park Golf Complex. The scope of the work for the project includes the construction of a single, 18-hole, professional tournament level golf course, including green space and buffers. The comments that follow are being provided relative to the EPA's *404(b)(1) Guidelines for Specification of Disposal Sites for Dredged or Fill Material (40 CFR Part 230)*.

Our preliminary review revealed that jurisdictional waters of the U.S. may occur on site. At this time, the EPA does not object to the project as proposed and recommends coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the New Orleans District Office to verify if jurisdictional waters of the U.S. do occur on site and which permits, if any, are needed. Thanks for the opportunity to review the proposed project. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at Gutierrez.raul@epa.gov or 214-665-6697.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raul Gutierrez", is positioned above the typed name.

Raul Gutierrez, Ph.D.
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